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PRODUCTION OF CLOVE
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the production of clove in the country has fallen sharply during the last few years and the farmers are not getting adequate price for their produce;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has any proposal to boost the production of clove in the country and to restrict its import;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a) & (b): No, Sir. There is no steep fall in the production of clove in the country. The production of clove has increased from 1048 MTs during 2001-02 to 2000 MTs in 2005-06. Prices of clove have been ruling high for the last few years at a range of Rs. 23621 to Rs. 27694 per quintal and farmers are getting adequate returns for their produce.

(c) to (e): Several development programmes on tree spices like clove were implemented under the Centrally Sponsored Schemes and State Sector Schemes in the major centers of cultivation. The efforts in this regard have been intensified through the National Horticulture Mission launched by Government of India since 2005-06 aimed at increasing production, productivity and quality of tree spices produced in the country to meet the growing demand in the domestic as well as export market.

Considering the internal demand which is estimated at 10,000 MTs for clove, production of clove in the country is comparatively less and country is meeting the domestic requirement by importing 8500 tonnes of cloves valued at Rs. 12.30 crore.